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TO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: THREE PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS

REF: (A) STATE 218893 (B) SANTO DOMINGO 4013

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 18 SENT INDIVIDUALLY TO CONGRESSMAN BADILLO AND TEN OTHER CONGRESSMEN (REF A) FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCCLOSKEY:

QUOTE: THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 4 REGARDING THE CASE OF THREE US CITIZENS FROM PUERTO RICO WHO ARE IMPRISONED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT OUR EMBASSY IN SANTO DOMINGO AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THIS CASE AND THAT WE HAVE FOLLOWED IT VERY CLOSELY FROM THE BEGINNING. BASED ON REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE TO US ON THIS CASE, WE BELIEVE SOME OF THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE RECEIVED IS INACCURATE. BEFORE REPLYING IN FULL DETAIL TO YOUR LETTER, HOWEVER, WE HAVE SENT THE TEXT TO OUR EMBASSY IN SANTO
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DOMINGO TO OBTAIN THE LATEST INFORMATION IN THESE CASES.

YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT WE HAVE TAKEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY

TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN TO THE DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES, AND
WE HAVE BEEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE PRISONERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CASE IS STILL IN
THE COURTS, SUBJECT TO APPEAL BY THE MEN UNDER DETENTION.

YOU MAY EXPECT A FURTHER REPLY WHEN WE HAVE RECEIVED THE
EMBASSY'S RESPONSE.

I AM ALSO WRITING TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO
JOINED YOU IN RAISING THIS QUESTION IN YOUR LETTER OF
SEPTEMBER 4. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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